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1. AS THE MISSION IS AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED TELEPHONICALLY BY THE EMBASSIES OF FRANCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPAN, AND THE NETHERLANDS CONCERNING THE CANDIDACIES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR SEATS ON THE IDB OF UNIDO. THIS APPROACH FOR U.S. SUPPORT WITHIN THE GROUP B WAS COUPLED WITH THE OFFER OF SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. CANDIDACY.

2. THE QUESTION THIS YEAR WAS COMPLICATED BY THE CANDIDACY OF MALTA WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IN UNIDO IS LISTED WITH THE

GROUP B COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE RECOGNITION OF THE ANOMALY OF MALTA SEEKING A GROUP B SEAT AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS A COMMITTED MEMBER OF THE G-77. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE REFTELS THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM WAS ADDRESSED IN ANYWAY DURING THE WEO DISCUSSIONS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO CONTEMPLATE MALTA AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP B COUNTRIES IN THE IDB IN VIEW

OF THE NECESSITY FOR REGULAR CONSULTATION, COORDINATION, AND COOPERATION DURING AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS OF THE IDB. IT IS FELT THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MALTESE CANDIDACY WOULD HAVE TO HINGE UPON AN EXPLICIT UNDERTAKING BY MALTA TO ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITIES ADHERING TO GROUP B MEMBERSHIP AND TO ABJURE FROM PARTICIPATION IN G-77 STRATEGY AND POLICY DISCUSSIONS INSOFAR AS THE AFFAIRS OF THE IDB ARE CONCERNED. UNLESS MALTA WOULD ACCEPT THIS UNDERTAKING, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE U.S. COULD AGREE TO MALTA BEING A CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF FIVE SEATS ALLOTTED TO THE GROUP B COUNTRIES ON THE IDB.

4. FYI, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO UNIDO HAS TELEPHONICALLY EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN REGARDING PROSPECTIVE MALTESE MEMBERSHIP ON IDB AND IS INFORMED THAT DUTCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK WILL NOT RECEIVE GON CONCURRENCE ON WITHDRAWAL OF DUTCH CANDIDACY.

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO REOPEN QUESTION IN GROUP B CAUCUS. GIVEN ALLEGED UNWILLINGNESS OF OTHERS TO WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACIES, YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR MALTESE WITHDRAWAL UNLESS A COMMITMENT ALONG LINES OF PARA 3 SUPRA WOULD INDUCE ONE OF REGULAR CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF MALTA. VANCE

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